

The University of Southern Mississippi
Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase
SSP 16-004 - RFx 3150000199
Cochlear Hearing Implant Device Processor

http://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid

RFx: 3150000199

The University of Southern Mississippi anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Description of the commodity that USM is seeking to procure
 - **Cochlear One N6 Processor. It is a hearing device processor for the Dubard School. Children in the school have internal surgically implanted hearing devices that are only compatible with Cochlear products. The purpose is to replace damaged or obsolete devices for an individual client who has internal components made by Cochlear Americas; therefore, other implant systems will not meet the purpose and/or need of the school.**
2. Explanation of why the commodity is the only one that meets the needs of the agency:
 - **The processor from Cochlear is the only device that is compatible with the client's internal implanted devices that need repaired.**
3. Explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:
 - **Cochlear processor and its accessories are most commonly used in the Mississippi. Cochlear implant system and devices from other manufacturers are incompatible with each other. This processor is patent and proprietary to Cochlear.**
4. Explanation of why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:

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- **Due to implant devices only being compatible with the Cochlear processor, there is no price comparable. Any other process is not compatible and useless for the need of the school and clients.**
5. Efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:
- **Department of Speech and Hearing spend several hours and days of research to find the processor that would work and compatible with the implant devices of the clients at the Dubard School for Language Disorders.**

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	October 8, 2015
2nd scheduled	October 15, 2015
P1 Request Date	October 22, 2015

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to:

Steve Ballew
Director of Procurement & Contracts
Steve.ballew@usm.edu

Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, USM determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then USM will withdraw

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the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If USM determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then USM will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. USM will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.